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**Petition for Extension of Time, Response to Office Action and
Notice of Appeal**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the February 25, 2003 Office Action, a response to which was originally due on May 25, 2003. Applicants request a three month extension for responding and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee due for such extension to Deposit Account No. 01-2315. The new deadline is now August 25, 2003. Accordingly, this response should be considered timely filed.

- Amendments to the Claims are discussed on page 3 of this paper and are presented in the listing of claims in Attachment A.
- Amendments to the Drawings are discussed on page 4 of this paper and are presented in Attachment B.
- Introductory Remarks appear on page 5 of this paper.
- Additional Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.
- Attachments A and B are attached following page 13 of this paper.
- Attachment C, Applicants' Notice of Appeal follows Attachments A and B.

Introductory Remarks

The subject application is owned by a University and exclusively licensed to a small biotechnology company. We have finite resources and hope to draw this prosecution to a close around meaningful patent protection for the described invention. To do that, we aim to work with the Examiner to focus on the tests of patentability and the wording of our claims. What follows is presented in that spirit. We earnestly solicit the Examiner's consideration of our remarks and amendments. In the unfortunate event that these prove unsuccessful, our Notice of Appeal is included as Attachment C.